

would have been more than probable, if that Bill had Passed into a Law, that the People would very soon have had Cause to acknowledge, it could not have been more Inconvenient to commit this Trusteeship or Guardianship (if you would have it so) to any Gentleman in our House, than to some Persons out of it: And we wish that Opinion of Infallibility, you mention, was as far from your House as it is from ours.

However, we cannot be mistaken in this, that such a Bill is not to be found in any *English* Government; and which, if it had Passed into a Law, would have had the Effects we before mentioned, of establishing a new and dangerous Power amongst ourselves, making the whole Province ridiculous to our Neighbours, and the risque of Incurring his Majesty's Displeasure.

Your Message of the 6th Instant would not have been less Decent, if the extraordinary Threat of the People doing themselves Justice, had been omitted: Whatever you may be pleased to suggest to yourselves or others, we can never be so insensible of any Hardships or Difficulties the People of *Maryland* may have just Cause to Complain of, as not to join cheerfully in proper Methods for their Redress and Ease, and procuring Justice to be done them: But we may presume to say, that the language of Doing themselves Justice, cannot be consistent with their Subjection and Obedience due to his Majesty, who makes the Laws the Rule of his Actions, and will Expect and Exact from his Subjects, that their Actions also should be Conformable to those Laws.

To conclude, we hope the World (which has been so much talk'd of in this Debate) will have an opportunity of seeing this Message, together with the Bill, and the others on the same Subject.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

*By the Lower House of Assembly, June 7. 1739.*

May it please your Honours,

*There being before this House but little Business, and several Ingrossed Bills, with the Paper ones, being before your House, and many of them having lain there for a considerable Time, We desire your Honours will send down the Paper Bills in the usual manner, in order that the further necessary Steps may be taken to bring this Session to a Conclusion.*

Signed per Order, Wm. Ghifelin, Cl. Assistant to the Cl. Lo. Ho.

*By the Upper House of Assembly, June 8. 1739.*

Gentlemen,

AS we perceive by your Message of the 7th Instant, that by the little Business now before your House, a conclusion of our present Sitting